

City Manager's Office

May 4, 2016

To: City Council
From: City Manager
Re: Weekly Report

Planning, Building, and Public Works Department

- Staff meet with the developer of the Highline View Estates subdivision last week. Per the state law that extended the original preliminary plans, the developer needs to submit an application for final plat by July 3rd. By law, the City then has thirty days to consider the request. We anticipate that the developer will be requesting a few required plat conditions to be deferred to a later date.
- We are finishing repairs to the wiring at Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park so the lights will be operable for the upcoming baseball and softball leagues.
- Someone sprayed graffiti at the Beach Park sometime during the previous weekend.
- We have received several questions regarding the Pacific Heights subdivision (formally known as Granville Southern) the last few weeks. We believe someone may be considering purchasing the property.
- Staff has a meeting with our Redondo Boardwalk contractor on Thursday to continue working on issues that have come up with rebar in the cap of the seawall.
- A few months ago, we were notified of a large number of trees that had been cut down on a piece of property in Redondo, right at the border with Federal Way. Up to an acre of trees had been removed. We have notified the property owner that this is a code violation and they need to work with the City to remediate the damage. They claim that they do not know who cut down and removed the trees and have filed an “appeal” of our requirement that they remediate the situation.

Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services

- With the nice weather we've been enjoying, we are seeing an increase in park usage. That includes an increase in the number of people using barbeques in our parks. Per the park code, open fires, including barbeques, are not allowed. Picnic tables and other park equipment have been damaged/burned in the past by barbeques (including people putting their still hot charcoal into garbage cans or dumping them into the creek or the sound). We have put up our “no barbeques” signs but will be looking to revise them to make them easier to see, read, and understand.

- Seattle Southside has drafted a strategic plan and asked staff for comments.
- The new sculptures for the Art on Poverty Bay project will be installed during the month of May. At the same time, the outgoing sculptures will be removed. The grand opening is scheduled for June 4th.
- From July 8th through the 11th, Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park will host a Little League regional tournament. This is one of the competitions that ultimately leads to the Little League World Series.

Marina

- Marina staff now has the keys to the Wasson house. There are still numerous items in the building, including household items that are still useable (and could be donated to a charity) and material that simply needs to be disposed of. Building Official Larry Pickard will inspect the house and then we can arrange for Councilmembers to take tours.
- We are seeing an uptick in seasonal moorage but we are concerned that the uptick will be short-lived because of the uncertainty of the Puget Sound salmon fishery this season. The state and Native American tribes have not come to an agreement regarding coastal fisheries. This does not bode well for negotiations on the Puget Sound fishery.

Legal

- City Attorney Pat Bosmans and Prosecutor Matt Hutchins attended the Washington State Municipal Attorneys Association annual conference last week. They brought back information on public records, utility districts and franchises, and development design review.

Finance Department

- IT staff report that we are running out of storage space on our servers. We purchased these servers two years ago and thought we had enough space to last us six years. That is not the case. Part of the issue may be the aggressive scanning and purging of paper records that we have been doing for the last two years. Another part may be that old electronic records are not being purged. Staff will be working on this so we don't have to purchase more storage capacity.

Police Department

- The Police Department held a "Coffee with a Cop" event at Saddlebrook Apartments (Pacific Highway South//South 260th Street) on April 30th. The event was well attended.
- I reported last week that the Mount Rainier High School Black Student Union is collecting items for the "comfort kits" that the Police Department give to families in crisis. Chief Delgado informs me that this organization was created by students who asked our School Resource Officer, Justin Cripe, for assistance. He not only helped them create their organization, but he also purchased t-shirts for them out of his own pocket. Well done SRO Cripe!

- On May 3rd, Chief Delgado attended a presentation on lessons learned in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.
- On Friday, April 29th, A female suspect, 20's, 5-06 with a medium build and wearing black and gray clothing attacked the night time security guard at Furney's Nursey. The female was probably high on drugs. She started banging on the front door of the business. The security guard opened the door to find out what her problem was when she forced herself into the business. The female beat the guard with a garbage can lid and threw rocks at him. The female was last seen north on the highway and she took a couple of plants with her.